

REMARKS

The Office Action dated March 17, 2008, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 4, 7-14, and 34 are rejected, and Claims 17, 18, 22-25, 27-30, 33, and 35-37 are allowed. Claims 18, 22, 24, 25, and 35 are amended, and Claims 4, 7-14, 17, 23, 27 – 30, 33, 34, 36, and 37 are canceled. Thus, Claims 18, 22, 24, 25, and 35 are pending in this application. Support for the amendments may be found in the specification as originally filed. Applicants submit that no new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 4, 7-14, and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shigeki (JP01-154803, hereinafter “Shigeki”) in view of Applicants own admission. This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

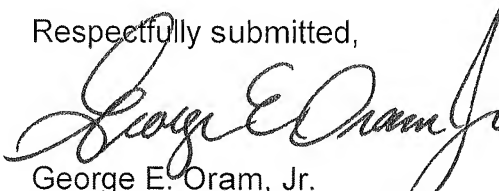
Applicants appreciate the Examiner’s indication that Claims 17, 18, 22-25, 27-30, 33, and 35-37 are allowed. Allowable Claims 18, 22 – 25 and 35 remain in this application. The cancelled allowed claims are being pursued in another application.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event that this paper is not being timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Docket Number 103120-00066.

Respectfully submitted,



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